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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: January 13, 2021

RE: ***“Alaska Cruise Tourism Proposed Task Force” - CLIA
Alaska/Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings and Royal Caribbean Group***

At its meeting of January 7, 2021, my office advised the City Council that Mayor Sivertsen, Acting Ports & Harbors Director Mark Hilson, Assistant City Manager Lacey Simpson and I had recently participated in a meeting of Southeast Alaska port communities and industry representatives regarding the resumption of cruise in 2021. Attached for City Council review is a copy of the presentation that I referenced at the January 7, 2021 Council meeting. The group is scheduled to meet again on January 20, 2021. Unless the City Council directs otherwise, I believe the Mayor and I, together with Mr. Hilson and Ms. Simpson, should continue as the City's representatives on the proposed task force.

"UNAPPROVED" January 7, 2021

Councilmember Kiffer questioned what specific steps were in place moving forward to expand beyond the 80% reliance on the Alaska Marine Ferry System.

Mayor Sivertsen questioned how Ketchikan Shipyard is doing in comparison with other shipyards in the Pacific Northwest, and if the maintenance is keeping up with the revenues or do we have deferred maintenance that we are playing catch up on.

Councilmember Gass said a few years back he remembers a push to capture some of the tug boat business and questioned if that was successful.

Alan Weitzner, Jesse Peterson and Julie Sande answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Sivertsen thanked members from AIDEA for working within Alaska to help the economy grow, and for their presentation tonight.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Mapping Update – Ketchikan Gateway Borough Planning and Community Development Director Richard Harney

Planning Director Harney provided a presentation on the FEMA Risk Map Program for the City Council, which included:

- History of the Borough's involvement in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the City and Borough joint resolutions adopting all required standard of the NFIP;
- 2013 - State of Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development (DCCED) identified the Ketchikan Gateway Borough as a priority for floodplain updates and the Risk Map program;
- 2016-2019 Draft Flood Insurance Risk Map period and appeal process;
- 2020 draft maps available for review: 117 structures added; 71 removed and 97 structures will remain the same;
- Timeline going forward; open house January to April 2021; appeal period May to August 2021; resolution with comments and appeals December 2021; Letter of final determination February 2022; maps become effective August 2022;
- Request to delay finalization due to COVID-19.

Mayor Sivertsen questioned if these designations will affect future construction along the waterfront.

Mr. Harney answered questions from the Council.

Ongoing Review and Discussion of Cruise Related Issues – Councilmember Bergeron

Mayor Sivertsen indicated that Manager Amylon has already informed of the cruise related issues with other communities in regards to how they are looking at the season. He echoed Manager Amylon as there is a certain amount of frustration in moving forward.

Councilmember Bergeron expressed his concerns that the CDC is not providing any guidelines or criteria for the cruise industry to work from. He indicated the clock is ticking every day and we are not getting any direction on what we need to do. He suggested a letter from the Council be written to the CDC encouraging them to open up the cruise industry, and give the communities the guidelines we need to get moving.

Alaska Cruise Tourism Proposed Task Force

December 2020

Proposed Mission

“ Destination and Cruise Industry Leaders will establish a common platform and guidelines to prepare for the safe restart of cruise tourism in Alaska while ensuring the well being of guests, crew, local communities and the economic health of the Alaska Tourism Destinations. ”

A large cruise ship is shown from a side-on perspective, sailing on a calm body of water. The ship has a white hull with colorful graphics on the side. In the background, there are steep, snow-covered mountains under a clear sky. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue and green gradient.

Proposed Timeline

Draft Guidelines

- Preliminary draft by February 2021

Final Guidelines

- Regulatory approval, community signoff, and cruise industry signoff pending
- TBD

Proposed Task Force Leadership

	Delegate(s)	Responsibilities
Communities	TBD	TBD
CLIA	Charlie Ball Mike Tibbles Lanie Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate Task Force and Working Group Meetings • Central Management of Documentation and Communication to TF Members • Coordinate Engagement of Key Tour/Transportation Operators & Other Tourism Oriented Businesses • Coordination with State Agencies
NCLH and RCG *Based on Healthy Sail Panel Recommendations	Steve Moeller Josh Carroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing, Screening and Risk Mitigation • Sanitation and Ventilation • Destination Planning • Response and Contingency Planning

Alaska Destinations

Destination	Port of Call/Embarkation
Juneau	Port of Call
Ketchikan	Port of Call
Icy Strait Point	Port of Call
Skagway	Port of Call
Sitka	Port of Call
Haines	Port of Call
Seward	Embarkation
Whittier	Embarkation

**Note: Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria to be engaged separately*

Cruise Corporations



Core Topics / Workstreams

1. Phased Plan

- Phase 1 – (Level 3) No Vaccine – No Operations, Wide Community Spread
- Phase 2 – (Level 2) No Vaccine – Partial Operations, Less than 1 % Community Positivity
- Phase 3 – (Level 1) Vaccine – Limited Restrictions, Less than 1 % Community Positivity
- Phase 4 – (Level 0) Vaccine and Covid Eradicated – Return to Normal Operations

2. Prior to Arrival

- Scheduling and Entry Requirements
- Capacity
- Local testing and monitoring

Core Topics / Workstreams

(Continued)

3. Upon Entry

- Boarding
- Requirements to Entry

4. Within Alaska

- Shore and tour operations (Excursions, Retail, F&B)
- Port Operations
- Crew Change
- Independent guests
- Pre/Post Programs

5. Case Management

- Case management
 - Symptomatic Presentation
 - Case Confirmation
 - Protocol if Confirmed Positive

Next Steps

- Communicate and agree on mission
- Align on member destinations and representatives
- Determine meeting and communication cadence
- Determine and integrate stakeholders and the State of Alaska
- Schedule first task force committee meeting
- Develop Plan Details
- Implementation

Thank you